



SAFE SLEEP FACT SHEET

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All infant deaths due to unsafe sleep environments are 100 percent preventable.

In the last three years, Michigan has lost 424 babies due to unsafe sleep environments:

2010	139
2011	141
2012	144

The leading causes of infant death in Michigan are:

Deaths due to perinatal conditions, including prematurity	57%
Birth defects	19%
Sleep-related infant deaths	17%

According to the 10th Annual Executive Report on Child Deaths in Michigan (Reviews conducted in 2011) the main factors contributing to infant suffocation due to an unsafe sleep environment:

Baby is sleeping in an adult bed/waterbed or chair/couch/floor	65%
Baby is sleeping with an adult	55%
Baby is sleeping with a blanket	84%

The national average in 2010 for infant mortality is 6.1 per 1,000 live births, while Michigan's rate was 7.1. Michigan ranks 37th among states for infant mortality. If all the sleep-related infant deaths were prevented in Michigan, the state's infant mortality rate would drop to 5.9 and be below the national average.

Although sleep-related infant deaths can and do occur in all types of families, there are groups at increased risk. African American, American Indian and low-income families have experienced sleep-related infant deaths at higher rates than other groups.

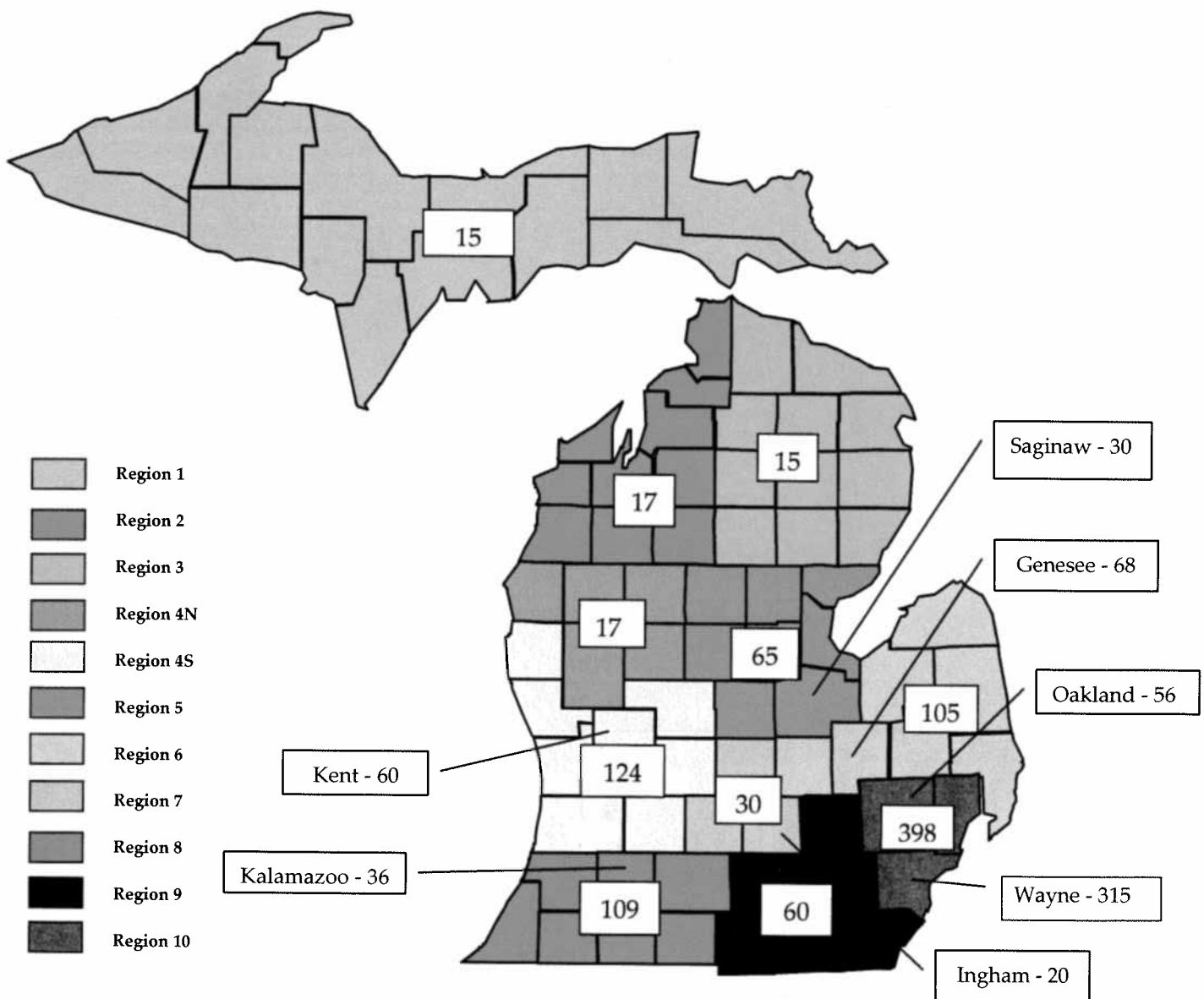
In 2010, 139 Michigan infant deaths were related to unsafe sleep environments. During that same year, 67 children died as a result of motor vehicle crashes, drowning, house fires, electrocutions, falls, accidental poisoning, infectious disease, cancer, and diseases of the circulatory system, respiratory system, nervous system and digestive system **COMBINED**.

For more information on the Michigan SUID case registry, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded and supported initiative, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/sids/CaseRegistry.htm>. For more information on the annual report on child deaths in Michigan, please visit <http://www.keepingkidsalive.org>.

Michigan Sleep Related Infant Deaths*

2005 – 2011 by Region

Total Number of Deaths = 955



* The data above represents Sleep Related Infant Deaths reviewed by local Child Death Review Teams from 2005 – 2011